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September 08, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF 48 ORIGINAL OIL PAINTINGS BY THE
ARTIST, GEORGE GÁCH, AS GIFTS FROM BEAU R. PELLE, PH.D., AND
ELIZABETH PELLE, AND MICHAEL W. PELLE, M.D.,
TO LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
(FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept two donations totaling 48 original oil paintings by the artist, George Gách, from Beau R. Pelle, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Pelle, and Michael W. Pelle, M.D., to LAC+USC Medical Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, and the Executive Director, Arts Commission to accept with thanks and appreciation a generous donation of 48 original oil paintings by the artist, George Gách, valued at \$338,850 to LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC). Beau R. Pelle, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Pelle are donating 33 original oil paintings valued at \$230,500 and Michael W. Pelle, M.D., is donating 15 original oil paintings valued at \$108,350.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to prepare and send letters of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Pelle, and Dr. Pelle for their generous donations to LAC+USC MC with the intention that that these artworks provide enjoyment to the public and will assist LAC+USC MC's mission to heal and inspire its patient population.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 September 8, 2015

PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, and the Executive Director, Arts Commission to accept the donations of the 48 George Gách original oil paintings which are valued by an independent art appraiser at a total of \$338,850.

Approval of the second recommendation will acknowledge the receipt of the two donations which include 33 paintings valued at \$230,500 from Dr. and Mrs. Peelle, and 15 paintings valued at \$108,350 from Dr. Michael W. Peelle. Letters of appreciation (Attachments I and II) will be sent to each of the donors.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost associated with the acceptance of the donation. However, LAC+USC MC staff will install the oil paintings and donor plaques as a part of the scope and in the normal course of their regular duties.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Fiscal Manual Section 2.4.2 authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355, which allows the Board to delegate authority to a County officer to accept a donation to the County. In 2004, the Board approved the Civic Art Policy for the County, which authorized the Arts Commission to establish procedures to implement the Civic Art Policy. Under existing Civic Arts Procedures, adopted by the Arts Commission in 2009, procedures were established for the review and acceptance of gifts of art. The Los Angeles County Arts Commission approved acceptance of the donations on June 8, 2015 and recommends approval by the Board.

An independent professional appraiser evaluated the 48 paintings, and found them in overall excellent condition and appraised them with significant value. The paintings were completed between 1953 and 1995. The 48 oil paintings depict beach scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and architecture.

LAC+USC MC has an Arts Program which is an internal committee of dedicated staff and volunteers who seek and accept artwork donations for the medical center. The Arts Program's mission is to enhance healing by providing a supportive environment, enriched by art, to support patients, families and visitors throughout LAC+USC MC. The Arts Program has a budget sustained through donations to CARES (Center Auxiliary for Recruitment, Education and Services), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in February 1969 and dedicated to serving the patients and their families at LAC+USC MC by providing financial support and volunteer services.

CARES' primary mission is to benefit patients by adding comfort to their hospital stay and providing services that help patients access quality health care. Using funds from CARES, plaques will be made stating that the paintings were donated by Dr. Beau R. Peelle and Mrs. Elizabeth Peelle and

Dr. Michael W. Peelle, respectively, and the oil paintings will be professionally framed to preserve and protect them.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This generous donation will assist LAC+USC MC in continuing its efforts to serve the community of Los Angeles County. The inclusion of George Gách original oils will create a more pleasing environment for patients, visitors and staff. There will be no negative impact on current LAC+USC MC services.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Mitchell H. Katz in black ink.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

Handwritten signature of Laura Zucker in black ink.

LAURA ZUCKER

Executive Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Arts Commission

September 8, 2015

Beau R. Peelle, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Peelle
1601 N. Sepulveda Blvd. #227
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Peelle:

At its meeting held September 8, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted with thanks and appreciation your generous donation of thirty-three (33) George Gách original oil paintings with an appraised value of \$230,500. Donation plaques will be made and placed adjacent to the framed paintings that will be placed in LAC+USC Medical Center for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy with the hope to assist with the hospital's mission to heal and inspire.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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September 8, 2015

Michael W. Peelle, M.D.
104 Saluda Pointe Drive
Lexington, SC 20972

Dear Dr. Peelle:

At its meeting held September 8, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted with thanks and appreciation your generous donation of fifteen (15) George Gách original oil paintings with an appraised value of \$108,350. Donation plaques will be made and placed adjacent to the framed paintings that will be placed in LAC+USC Medical Center for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy the art of your grandfather.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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